

VICKSBURG.

Official Despatches from General Grant and Admirals Lee and Porter.

General Grant Sure of the Capture of the City.

The Very Latest Rebel Accounts.

Vicksburg Not Taken on Friday, the 22d Inst.

Three Assaults Repulsed by the Rebels.

Capture of Yazoo City by Admiral Porter.

Destruction of the Rebel Navy Yard.

Ten Thousand Rebels Sent by Gen. Johnston Across the Big Black River.

Helena Reported Captured by Price, &c., &c.

Despatches from General Grant.

WASHINGTON, May 26—1:50 P. M.
Despatches from General Grant, dated the 23d, have been received today, fully confirming the previous accounts of his successes, and stating that everything is going on well, and that he is gradually advancing his lines, and the eventual capture of the city is undoubtedly.

In addition to the above, the rebel pickets on the Rappahannock stated yesterday, without reservation, that Vicksburg had been wholly captured, with all the material, stores and troops.

The government has nothing as yet confirming this last report; but it is in accordance with all the official advices received and the opinions generally entertained by military men.

It takes from two to three days for our reports from Vicksburg to reach here, as it requires two days to communicate with Memphis, whence there is telegraphic communication with this city.

Official Despatch from General Hurlbut.

WASHINGTON, May 26, 1863.

The following has been received at the headquarters of the army here:

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 25—11:30 A. M.
Major General H. W. HALLACK, General-in-Chief.

The Luminary is just up from Vicksburg. There are no official despatches.

Ordnance Officer Lyford writes, under date of May 22, as follows:

Our loss is not very heavy for the position we have gained. The rebels make a firm resistance.

I think we shall have the place to-morrow. We completely encircle the town, and our men tonight have their colors planted on the enemy's works and are lying on the exterior slope. The gun and mortar boats are in front, working away.

Our captures thus far are about 6,000 prisoners and seventy-four pieces of artillery, some of which were destroyed.

General Grant is in good spirits.

If we take Vicksburg we shall take 15,000 prisoners, with General Pemberton and all his stores, &c.

G. A. HURLBUT, Major General.

Telegram from Admiral Lee.

WASHINGTON, May 26—1:30 P. M.

The following telegram was received at the Navy Department this morning:

OFF NEWPORT NEWS, May 26—6:20 A. M.

Hon. GIBSON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy:

The steamer State of Maine is just down from City Point, with one hundred officers, including those of the Indiana.

The Richmond Examiner of May 25 has the following:

MONTE, May 23, 1863.

A special despatch to the Advertiser and Register, from Jackson yesterday, says:

Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Vicksburg this morning. It is reported and believed in official circles that the enemy assaulted the works at Vicksburg on Wednesday and were repulsed.

Snyder's Bluff has been evacuated.

The Courier reports that Yazoo City was captured by the federal and the Navy Yard turned over to our troops.

An officer from Vicksburg reports that Grant has been whipped back.

The enemy have made three desperate assaults at Vicksburg and have been repulsed.

Some official information has been received of the capture of Helena, Arkansas, by General Price.

A letter from Johnston, dated May 19, says Gen. Johnston this morning threw ten or twelve thousand men over the Big Black to Vicksburg.

An official despatch from Gen. Johnston, dated May 23, says an officer who left Vicksburg on Tuesday reports that an assault near the Yazoo

road on Pemberton's intrenchments had been repulsed.

S. P. LEE, Acting Rear Admiral.

Additional Rebel Accounts.

PORTSMOUTH, May 26, 1863.

The Richmond Whig of the 25th has the following:

A letter from Jackson of the 19th, to Mobile, says it is reported that Snyder's Bluff has been recaptured, and that the report of the occupation of Yazoo City is disbelieved.

MONTE, May 23, 1863.

A special despatch to the Advertiser and Register, dated to-day, says:

The latest from Vicksburg is to Thursday night. Our loss is slight. The injury to the batteries is trifling. The garrison is well supplied, and confident of holding the place. Firing was heard at intervals last night and to-day. The enemy are supposed to be shelling. The enemy are reported to be at Ponchartraine, running the trains up that far from New Orleans.

THE YAZOO RIVER.

on which the city is situated, is formed by the union of the Tallahatchie and the Yazoo rivers, which unite at Lumberton, in Carroll county; it then pursues a nearly southerly course, very tortuous and winding, and empties into the Mississippi river about a dozen miles above the city of Vicksburg. The main stream is two hundred and ninety miles in length, and is deep, narrow and sluggish. It is considered the best stream of its size for navigation purposes, perhaps, in the whole world. The Tallahatchie, one of its tributaries, is navigable for over a hundred miles higher up than the junction.

THE CAPTURE OF WARRENTON.

OFFICIAL REPORT FROM ADMIRAL PORTER.

WASHINGTON, May 26, 1863.

Acting Rear Admiral Porter, in a despatch from Yazoo river, dated the 19th inst., says:

A few days since the Mount City, Lieutenant Commander Byron Wilson, came up as far as Warrenton to reconnoitre and see what guns there were likely to annoy our transports. There has been a great deal of work done in building a strong concrete water battery, intended to mount eight ten inch guns. It is now under construction, and is covered with logs, the logs covered with cotton bales, and the whole covered with earth.

On approaching the works, Lieut. Wilson sent a party on shore to reconnoitre. On climbing up the casemates to look in the party discovered that a company of artillery had taken refuge there, supporting themselves perfectly secure. Our men fired their revolvers into the crowd, and warned the vessel that the rebels were about.

Lieutenant Wilson then commenced shelling the fort, and in a short time it was all in a blaze. After burning thoroughly for some time the whole work was destroyed. The rebels fled in the space of an hour, and when they had taken the rebels five months to build, working mostly day and night.

I proceeded to Warrenton this morning to see certain that the work was thoroughly destroyed. It required nothing more to do. The Mount City had finished it. The rebels set all the houses on fire along the river, and as the gunboats approached, and what they left ordered to be destroyed. Warrenton had been a troublesome place and merited its fate.

D. D. FORKES, Acting Rear Admiral.

THE LATEST NEWS.

WASHINGTON, May 26, 1863.

Up to ten o'clock last night no later intelligence from Vicksburg than that communicated to the public to-day had been received by the President.

It is not believed that General Grant himself has recently sent any telegrams to the government respecting his movements.

It is understood that a despatch received to-day states that another line of defenses has been discovered in the rear of Vicksburg, which it would be necessary to take by storm.

Notwithstanding the various rumors afloat, all the intelligence that is in the possession of the government warrants the belief that Vicksburg has already capitulated to Gen. Grant.

The intimate friends of the President claim great credit for him for having, two months since, favored the expedition against Vicksburg via the Yazoo river, and he then said that the batteries must be run past and Vicksburg be attacked in the rear. So much time, however, has been consumed that an apprehension exists among some military men that the rebels may have made themselves so strong in field works behind the city as to render some countervailing operations of like kind necessary before General Grant can venture to assault with the numbers he has in his army. It is in our power to reinforce as largely as the rebels, and therefore the region may be the scene of mighty operations.

It is not known whether the rebels contemplate, by their move upon Helena, to interrupt the navigation of the Mississippi.

Reports via Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 26, 1863.

A private despatch was received in this city to-day, from an officer in an Illinois regiment, dated near Vicksburg, 24th, from which the inference may be drawn that the city was not captured up to that time.

The despatch says nothing as to what was done Saturday.

The working of the wires between Memphis and Cairo to-night is interrupted by a storm.

The Capture of Yazoo City.

SUCCESS OF ADMIRAL PORTER'S EXPEDITION UP THE YAZOO.

BETHESDA.

YAZOO CITY.

NAVY YARD.

STANLEY HILL.

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QUAIL.

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showing signs, and in times of property about fifty thousand bales were annually received and shipped from this place to New Orleans by steamboats, which were able to navigate the river in all stages of the water.

The village contained several churches, and had in 1863 a population of 2,000 persons, supporting two newspapers.

The county in which the city is located has an area of about 700 square miles, or nearly half a million of acres. The Big Black river forms its southwestern boundary and the Yazoo the western and northern. The surface is a level alluvial plain, the soil of which is exceedingly fertile. The population of the county in 1860 was 23,373, of which only 5,427 were free.

THE TURF.

Fashion Corner—Trotting.

GEORGE N. PATTERSON AND GENERAL BUTLER.—The trot between these celebrated trotters will come off this afternoon, the untold throngs about the lancers of Butler to the contrary notwithstanding. Probably there never were two horses in better trim for a race than these two flyers, and the authors of the report about Butler, whatever their motive may be, will be sadly disappointed, no doubt, when they witness the crowd at the Fashion Course this afternoon. The betting last night was slightly in favor of the contraband.

THE ASSOCIATION RACES.

The first day's racing of the spring meeting of the Association, commenced yesterday at Paterson, N. J. The weather, although dull and threatening rain in the early part of the day, cleared off about ten o'clock, and the sun, breaking out from behind the clouds which had obstructed his brilliancy, shone forth with delightful warmth and splendor.

The race course is about a mile and a half from Paterson, but by a special arrangement with the Erie Railroad Company the trains discharged their passengers within a very short distance of the track. The arrangements of the Executive Committee of the association were perfect in every department, and far superior to any ever witnessed at any similar meeting. Two new stands had been erected on each side of the grand stand to afford the necessary accommodation for the large attendance anticipated.

One was present in large numbers, and when elegant and fashionable toilettes, additional beauty and attraction to the scene. Another stand was set apart at the merely nominal entrance charge of twenty-five cents, and to afford an opportunity for the ladies to view the race without the usual large outlay, and the consideration of the managers was evidently well appreciated, as it was judged from its crowded state during the afternoon.

The program was duly considered by the management, and the most facilities and accommodation were provided for the reporters, and every courtesy extended to the press, and the grand stand being devoted exclusively to them and the official timers. In fact, their attention and care extended to every department of the management, and we are glad to be able to congratulate them on the complete success which has thus far attended their noble and praiseworthy efforts to revive the sports of the turf in the United States. No gambling of any kind was permitted, and no spirituous liquors allowed to be sold on the course. The number of spectators present was estimated at between five and six thousand, and the attendance was superior to what we have generally been accustomed to witness on similar occasions. Speculation on the various races was very lively, and the Kentucky, which was the feature of the day, heid about \$20,000 of pools on the course during the day.

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